

# The Signature

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**A**FN TV here at Naval Air Station Sigonella will soon add two new channels to the current lineup of seven channels and will expand the current AFN Spectrum lineup.

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## NMCB 74 gets the job done at Sig

Story and Photos by JO2 Steve Weaver  
Staff Writer

**T**he Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 "Fearless 74" have a long history of serving during conflicts, such as World War II, Vietnam and currently in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Recently, a detail from NMCB 74, home ported in Gulfport, Miss., has been working here at Naval Air Station Sigonella on projects that will make the base better.

"We were tasked with two main projects, one of them was finishing the land annex at NAS I," said Lt. j.g. Chris Rapp, NMCB 74 Detail officer in charge. The land annex has a softball field, a running track, bathrooms, a soccer field, tennis courts and a basketball court.

"The project has been going on for a long time. It wasn't on our original tasking when we got here. It was supposed to be done, but it wasn't so we picked it up and wrapped it up for MWR," Rapp said.

NMCB 74's main task was to make progress on the fence being built across the north side of NAS II. "It's a good size Seabee project," Rapp said. "It will probably be going on for about two to three more years here. Our relief will pick up where we leave off and they'll go as far as they can and so on until it's done. It's called a turnover project in our world."

The new fence will be stronger and more aesthetically pleasing than the current one. The Seabees said building it will be worth their sweat. "With the terrorist [activities] that are going on these days, it's definitely worth it because you never know what you might have," said BU2(SCW) John Watson, project supervisor. You could have people rushing the gate or whatever. It looks good, too. It kind of gives it an architectural look across the front of the base.

Ninety-degree heat, concrete, heavy equipment, hard work, it's all in a days work for a Seabee. "We do this stuff for a living," said BUCN Dennis Wilson. He said it's worth it though. "It's a better wall than what was up by far."

"I'm lucky, as a project supervisor, to have a crew with the experience and the professional knowledge on their job," Watson said.

"The guys have done outstanding work here," Rapp said. "When we picked up this [project], it was kind of in a dormant stage. Nobody had really worked on it before we got here. The guys took off from day one and met tasking and exceeded it quite well. When our higher command gets here to review our progress at the end of deployment, I'm 100 percent satisfied they'll be happy with our accomplishments."

The Seabees also came to Sigonella to train. "Our deployment is two-fold," Rapp said. "To provide construction to the local base, but it's also training. We bring junior troops to do construction in a peacetime environment so they can train and be ready for

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BU3 Craig Miller from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 (NMCB 74) smooths out some freshly poured concrete for the new wall, which will run along the north side of NAS I, as SW3 Charles Ward and BU3(SCW) John Watson work further along.

## Chief's fishing float collection is 'off the hook'

Story and Photos by JO2 Steve Weaver  
Staff Writer

They're out floating in the world's oceans right now. They come in all shapes, sizes and colors and can roll up on a beach to be found by beachcombers who might happen upon them.

These glass fishing floats, which were used to support nets and keep them afloat in fishing, were first used as far back as 1840. The Norwegians were the first to use them, but they soon caught on in much of Europe and even in

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AZC John Herrera holds his largest glass fishing float as his wife Joyce Herrera holds the smallest glass fishing float in Chief Herrera's collection. Herrera has been collecting the glass floats since 1997 and has a collection of about 1,500. The floats were used to hold fishermen's nets, but are not used any longer and have become collectible.



## Direct Line

**Capt. Joe Stuyvesant**  
NASSIG  
Commanding Officer

I have heard from some of our Sailors that there is nothing to do here at NAS Sigonella. Well, I beg to differ!

We have a variety of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) activities going on every day. Swimming at one of the base pools, working out at the gym, going to the movies, bowling, or taking an ITT trip over the weekend. Our base MWR department is here to help you stay connected with the base and our local community.

MWR allows our Sailors and their families to see some things or go to events at reasonable prices and at different times of the month. MWR's marketing department puts out the Preview publication listing their events throughout the month. It has information on family activities, Single Sailors, ITT trips, Adventures Unlimited, Photo Safari, No Limitz, and more. Check it out each month!

If you want to venture out on your own...well, we do live by a volcano! It's pretty easy to get there...just follow the signs to Etna Sud from Belpasso or Gravina and you will be there in no time. We also live by some of the best Greek and Roman temples or amphitheatres in the world in Agrigento, Syracuse and Taormina. We have fantastic Roman mosaics in Piazza Armerina. Caltagirone is world renowned for its great Sicilian pottery. There are beaches, valleys, mountains, gorges, and some of the best views of the Mediterranean sunset you will ever see.

Living in Sicily also offers you the opportunity to travel Europe (as long as you go on leave)! There are some of the most beautiful cities in the world in Europe and it's only a short flight from Catania. Europe destinations like Amsterdam, Prague, London, Paris, Madrid, Rome and of course, Venice can be an exciting and rewarding experience. The travel possibilities are endless. You just have to use your imagination and go to places you always dreamed of going.

So to say there is nothing to do here...is a major understatement!

## HEALTHWATCH

### Five steps to safer health care

*Courtesy U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella*

Patient safety is one of our nation's most pressing health care challenges. Healthcare providers and groups are working hard to improve health care quality. You can help, too. By practicing a few simple tips, you can improve the quality of your own health care, get better results and feel more satisfied.

This fact sheet tells what you can do to get safer health care. It was developed by Federal agencies in the Quality Interagency Coordination Task Force, in partnership with other health care purchasers.

**1. ASK QUESTIONS.** The single most important way you can help to prevent errors is to be an active member of your health care team. Speak up if you have questions or concerns. Choose a healthcare provider who you feel comfortable talking to about your health and treatment. Take a relative or friend with you if this will help you ask questions and understand the answers. It's okay to ask questions and to expect answers you can understand.

**2. KNOW YOUR MEDICATIONS.** Keep a

list of all the medications you take. Tell your doctor about all the medications you take, including over-the-counter medicines such as aspirin, ibuprofen, and dietary supplements like vitamins and herbs. Don't forget to tell your healthcare provider about any allergies or side effects you have had in the past from medicines. This is very important when your healthcare provider gives you a new prescription.


Ask your pharmacist about side effects and what foods or other things to avoid while taking the medicine. When you get your medicine, read the label, including warnings. Medication labels can sometimes be hard to understand. For example, ask if "four doses daily" means taking a dose every six hours around the clock or just during regular waking hours.

**3. UNDERSTAND TESTS AND PROCEDURES.** Make sure you get the results of any test or procedure. Ask your healthcare provider or nurse when and how you will get the results of tests or procedures. If you do not get them when expected in person, on the phone, or in the mail—don't assume the results are fine. Call your healthcare provider and ask for them. Ask what the results mean for your care.

**4. DISCUSS YOUR CHOICES.** Talk with your healthcare team about your options if you need hospital care. Know that "more is not always better." Be sure to find out why you need a test or treatment and how it can help you. You could be better off without it.

**5. UNDERSTAND YOUR SURGERY.** Make sure you understand what will happen if you need surgery. Ask your healthcare provider and surgeon:

- Who will take charge of my care while I'm in the hospital?
  - Exactly what will you be doing?
  - How long will it take?
  - What will happen after the surgery?
  - How can I expect to feel during recovery?
- Make sure to tell your surgeon, anesthesiologist, and nurses if you have allergies or have ever had a bad reaction to anesthesia.



**SECURITY BLOTTER**

**CRIMESTOPPER'S HOTLINE**  
624-6389

**July 19 — July 25**

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

Traffic accidents without injuries - 10  
Traffic accident with injuries - 2  
Car break-ins - 0  
DUI - 0  
DUI's 2004 - 16  
DUI's 2003 - 58

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## What you need to know about international child custody

*By Cmdr. David R. Daniels,  
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International marriages are quite common in the military. Unfortunately, so are international divorces, and when children are involved the situation can become complicated. What if you want the children to live in the States, but your foreign ex-spouse wants the children to live in his/her country of origin? What if your divorce from the States grants you custody? Is that good enough? What's to prevent your ex-spouse from taking the children back to his/her home country?

### Prevention

Getting children back from overseas is not a simple process. To prevent their being taken in the first place, the first thing to consider is, believe it or not, cooperation and compromise. The sooner you and your ex figure out that your children deserve to know and love both parents, the better off everyone will be. Establish a framework of mutual understanding, trust, and cooperation that will allow the children to visit back and forth across international boundaries without difficulty.

Just in case, keep a list of current addresses and telephone numbers for your ex-spouse's relatives, as well as information on your ex-spouse, such as passport and social security numbers, bank accounts, and driver's license information. This information will make the ex-spouse easier to find if he/she leaves the country with your children. Secure your children's passports and request the State Department to put the children in its passport name-check system, so that you will be notified if anyone attempts to obtain a new passport for the children.

### Getting the children back

What do you do if your children are taken overseas without your permission? First, determine what your right to

custody is and what it is based on. Do you have a custody order from a U.S. court, or were the children residing with you in the U.S. without a custody order?

Under the Hague Convention on International Child Abduction, you may have rights in either scenario, so long as both countries involved are signatories to the Convention (members include the United States and most European nations, including Italy). The Convention provides that where either a valid custody order exists or the child is "habitually resident" in a country, the child, if improperly removed or retained beyond an agreed-upon time period, shall be promptly returned to the parent in the former country.

Generally, application must be made within one year from the date of the child's removal or retention, or else the country to which the child has been taken may at its discretion decide that the child has become resettled in the new country. The new country could in that case refuse to return the child, as well as in certain other limited cases, as where doing so presents a grave risk to the child's well-being, is objected to by a child of mature age, or would violate basic principles of human rights.

Importantly, you do not need to have a custody decree to use the Convention, as long as you were exercising a "right of custody" at the time of the abduction and did not give permission for the child to be removed or retained beyond the agreed-upon period of time. "Right of custody" includes rights relating to the care of the child and to determining the child's place of residence. You need not have sole custody to claim this right of custody, and although establishing the right is obviously easier if you have a custody order, you can still establish it without an order, as

provided under the law of the state where the child was living prior to removal.

### Whom to Contact

Each country that is party to the Convention has a designated "Central Authority" that facilitates applications for the return of children. In the United States, the Central Authority is the Department of State's Office of Children's Issues. Although the Central Authority in the country where the child is located has primary responsibility for processing the application, the Office of Children's Issues will review your application to ensure that it is complete and that it complies with the requirements of the Convention. It will then forward it to the foreign Central Authority and work with that authority until your case is resolved. For further information, contact the Department of State, Office of Children's Issues at SA-29/48 Floor, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520-4818, Telephone: (202) 312-9700, Fax: (202) 312-9743, web site: <http://travel.state.gov>; or contact the NLSO at 624-5258.

## NAS Sigonella Worship Opportunities

### Catholic Mass

Saturday 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS II)  
Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)  
Sunday 9 a.m. in Italian 41\*  
Stormo Chapel (NAS II)  
Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Mino)

### Protestant Traditional Service

Sunday 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall (NAS I)

### Protestant Worship

Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Mino)  
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)

### United Pentecostal Church, International

Sunday Noon Chapel, (NAS II)

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sunday 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

### Church of Christ

Sunday 3:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

### Jewish Shabbat Service

Last Friday of the month 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

### Muslim Jum'ah

Friday 12:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I) Classroom

### Weekdays

Catholic Mass 4:30 p.m. Monday & Tuesday 11:30 a.m. Thursday & Friday (NAS I)

Monday thru Thursday at 11:30 a.m. (NAS II)  
Wednesday Protestant Bible Study

4:45 p.m. (NAS II Chapel)  
5 p.m. (NAS I Chapel)  
For more details, call 624-4295 or 624-9049.

## Air pollution?



**By Thom Dansak**  
Command Chaplain

The ancient Christian Church was marked with many men and women of austere life styles known as "ascetics". They were deeply involved in a spirituality that expressed itself in self denial and abstinence from many common human activities. They would live very simply, often observe rigorous dietary practices; they would refrain from sexual contact, and live solitary lives in order to be more in contact with themselves and their relationship with God.

There is one story told of an ascetic who rarely spoke. When asked his reason for such frequent silence, he would respond, "I say nothing if it does not improve silence!" There is something to be said about the wisdom of this man's statement. Silence is not always a bad thing and sometimes it is much better than the alternative.

Much of our daily living is filled with conversation. We love to talk.

Much of what we say needs to be said. Information needs to be passed between people. But, there are times when things are better left unsaid.

When our speech seeks to hurt or defame others, or when what we say is useless having no real benefit to ourselves or others, are we improving silence? When we engage in idle gossip about others or spread unfounded rumors, are we really accomplishing anything worthwhile?

The New Testament writer, James, points out in his letter that the human tongue is often the source of deadly poison. The words we speak can be helpful, healing words, words of kindness. Words can be "deadly" as well cutting deep into the heart of others. The tongue can speak words that show wisdom, gratitude, and knowledge. The tongue can also produce meanness, stupidity and vulgarity!

The gift of speech can be both a blessing and a curse! Remember the words of that monk! We expose much about our true selves every time we open our mouths and speak. Take time to wonder "What do my words say about the kind of person I am?"

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# Navy News

## U.S. Navy commissions military's first Buddhist chaplain

By Journalist 1st Class (SW) Hendrick L. Dickson, Navy News Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Navy commissioned the military's first Buddhist chaplain in a ceremony at the Pentagon July 22.

Chief of Navy Reserve, Vice Adm. John G. Cotton commissioned Lt. j.g. Jeanette G. Shin in front of several of her family members and friends, making her the Department of Defense's first Buddhist chaplain.

After taking her oath of service, Shin expressed her gratitude to her peers, and said she looks forward to making a difference in the fleet.

"I am very grateful to have the opportunities to serve the sea services — regardless of their religious faith," said Shin. "I will do my best to help you [Sailors and Marines] in any way I can."

Shin's commissioning is an important moment for the Navy's Chaplain Corps, as it continues to improve its diversity to serve Sailors and Marines from a variety of religious backgrounds. Shin was praised for her tremendous accomplishment and welcomed to the Corps by her peers.

"This is another historical moment for the Chaplain's Corps of the United States Navy, as we reach out to provide for the religious needs of our people," said Chief of Navy Chaplains, Rear Adm. Louis V. Iasiello. "You are most welcome to our ranks as a chaplain, and we look forward to working with you in the future."

"This really is your statement of care and love and concern for us," said Rear Adm. (ed.) Harold L. Robinson, Special Assistant Reserve Manpower Chief of Naval Chaplain's Office. "It's a call of the Chaplain Corps to serve every human being we encounter, and that's what we are saying. We are very blessed to have you among us."



Chief of Navy Chaplains, Rear Adm. Louis V. Iasiello, left, watches with Commander, Naval Reserve Force, Vice Adm. John Cotton as newly commissioned Ensign Jeanette Gracie Shin signs her Oath of Office paperwork in the Pentagon.

Shin earned her bachelor of arts degree from George Mason University in Philosophy and Religious Studies in May 2000. She earned her master of arts degree in Buddhist studies from the Graduate Theological Union/Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, Calif., in May.

Shin is currently stationed at the Navy Reserve Center in Alameda, Calif.

## RIMPAC concludes, offers lessons

By JO2 Devin Wright, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) — USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) arrived in Pearl Harbor July 22, marking the end of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) maritime exercises 2004.

RIMPAC, which supported the Navy's Summer Pulse 2004, involved seven different countries combining forces in an effort to continue to build a better alliance through communication, and learn from each other's strengths and weaknesses.

"We've learned that when we work with coalition allies that there are different levels of co-operation," said Rear Adm. Patrick Walsh, commander, Carrier Group 7. "In the past, we would have been content to work through some conflicting issues by having translators and linguists on board in order to conduct operations safely. What we've learned in these RIMPAC exercises is it's important to integrate by bringing allies to daily operations meetings, and that the faces of leadership interact close in order to carry out combined missions in a real life scenario."

"We are not looking for simple integration during RIMPAC," added Walsh. "We are looking for assimilation of capabilities, and that takes cooperation and discussions on a different level than we've seen in the past."

Command Master Chief Charles Ratliff, command master chief of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 35, said RIMPAC, in a sense, is seven countries uniting for three weeks to become a single Navy.

"It's amazing to see our ability to work as one force," said Ratliff. "We've had an opportunity to work with these great countries and become a team in war-time scenarios. That's what we've all come out here to do. We not only accomplished that, but we accomplished it well."

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A UH-3H Sea King helicopter operates overhead during a mechanized amphibious raid in support of exercise RIMPAC 2004.

## The Energy Block

Water.

What does this mean to us at Sigonella? Properly controlled, a huge reduction on our energy bill. Last year NASSIG used approximately 258,000,000 million gallons of water or 700,000 gallons per day, excluding housing. This water was drawn from wells and pumped to facilities at the two bases where it was treated due to the high content of minerals (hardness). Now known as potable or drinking water, it is then piped out to all the buildings for usage. This is done at a staggering price of approximately. \$ 4.80 per 1,000 gallons or \$ 3,360 dollars a day or \$1,226,400 million dollars a year. By installing inexpensive low-faucet aerators for sinks and showerheads, becoming more conservative in waste, and monitoring our buildings we can as a whole improve this excessive energy bill.

This is what I said last year and between then and now there have been some substantial changes in a defunct water usage/consumption instruction. The focus for the moment is on water conservation. Last year our average daily consumption for the month of June was 370,000 gallons for NAS 1 and 501,000 gallons for NAS 2. This year our average daily consumption for June was 410,000 gallons for NAS 1 and 651,000 gallons for NAS II. This is a remarkable increase since the bulk of the water is used in the barracks, gyms, and galleys, and we have not experienced an appreciable increase in personnel.

A. To curb this problem there shall be no watering after 9:00 am. until evening. Too much is lost from evaporation due to the suns energy after this time.

B. Irrigation will be restricted to grassy areas, NOT streets, sidewalks, pathways, or buildings.

C. All command activities involving the use of water including car washes will have nozzles or sprayers attached to the ends of hoses. Without these devices the dept. will not have a fundraiser.

D. Water tables are now being monitored by the energy department to help maintain a reduction of this high usage. They will be working closely with the water plants for this reduction.

Please if anyone witnesses any misuse of water call energy at ext. 2064 or ext. 6243. After hours at PWD duty section ext. 5354.

\*DID YOU KNOW: A dripping faucet can waste up to 20 gallons of water a day.

\*DID YOU KNOW: A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day.

\*DID YOU KNOW: The United States uses over 400 billion gallons of water everyday

Let's use, not abuse

## Sexual Assault Victim Intervention

SAVI offers a Sexual Assault Hotline staffed with trained Advocates who man the SAVI Hotlines 24/7. The number is 335-642-8312 or 335-606-6146.



NAS Sigonella Security Department is sponsoring National Night Out, America's Night out against crime. There will be games, free food and demonstrations by EOD, Fire Department, Security and more! Come out and support your Security Department!

## 'Off Duty' Navy Doctor Saves Stranger's Life

By Ellen Maurer, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Navy Dr. (Capt.) H. James Beecham found himself in the right place at the right time July 3, saving the life of a stranger who was having a heart attack in a San Diego bathroom.

Beecham, the commanding officer of Navy Medical Research Unit 2 in Jakarta, Indonesia, had been in the area attending a Navy Medical Research and Development meeting. His family had also flown into town to spend some time with the Navy doctor while he was stateside.

"We were standing at the pier awaiting boarding for a dinner bay cruise on the Hornblower at the Harbor Drive piers," said Beecham, describing the fateful evening. "My son Douglas went next door to a small restaurant to use the head and returned quickly and said 'Dad, there's a man down in the bathroom. You better go do your 'doctor thing.'"

Beecham said he went into the men's room and found a man without a pulse and who was not breathing, turning gray-blue on the floor. He called for help and then began one-man cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Beecham said he asked the manager to call 911, and then another person helped him continue CPR for about 12 minutes until the paramedics arrived.

Two days later, Beecham and his wife received a call from the patient's wife. After undergoing emergency heart surgery due to a complete block of the right coronary artery, the man was recovering at a nearby hospital. The man's wife invited them to visit so they could thank him for his life-saving assistance.

"It was quite emotional, as his mom and dad of this 41-year-old man were there, and he had a six-year-old son, too," said Beecham. "My son and daughter were also very moved as they had seen it all, and I tried to impress upon them that they could have done the same thing if they had CPR certification. They both determined, when they got back to their homes [college], they would."

Beecham, who is due to retire from the Navy in October, said the whole event was been yet another amazing experience in his memorable naval career.

## Navy helicopter airlifts injured divers from cruise ship

By Tom Clements, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

BARKING SANDS, Kauai (NNS) — A UH-3H Sea King helicopter from the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) at Barking Sands, Kauai, in the Hawaiian islands, airlifted two injured men from the cruise ship Pride of Aloha five miles off the Kauai coast July 20. The cruise ship had picked up the two men after they suffered injuries while diving off the Na Pali coast.

The Navy helicopter, flown by pilots Lt. Bill Reilein and Lt. Adam Schultz, launched within 15 minutes of receiving a request for assistance from the Coast Guard at about 5 p.m. The helicopter hovered 20 feet over the cruise ship, while Aviation Electronic's Technician 3rd Class Christopher Szabo was lowered onto the ship and worked with the ship's medical crew to prepare the injured men for hoisting.

"When I got to the deck, I saw the man with the injured leg was on a stretcher," said Szabo. "The ship's crew worked with me to load him instead into our litter, so that we could hoist him up to the helo."

Aviation Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Damon Baggs operated the hoist and secured the injured men aboard the helicopter. Both Szabo and Baggs are qualified rescue swimmers.

By 5:45 p.m., the injured men were aboard the helicopter and on their way to Lihue Airport, where an ambulance transported them to Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

"Everything went smoothly," said Reilein. "The ship's crew prepared a nice clear area without obstruction that we could work from."

Baggs defined the rescue as an example of why he enjoys the job. "This is why I joined the Navy," he said.

## News Briefs

### Youth basketball camp registration

Registration has already begun and will run until Aug. 6. The registration fee is \$10. Camp will be held at the NAS 1 gym Aug. 17-19, 20, 24, 26, 27 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children ages 8 through 17 years are eligible to attend. Space is limited so stop by the 205 Youth Center and sign up now. All campers will receive a camp T-shirt. For more information about our Youth Sports Program, contact the Youth Sports Coordinator at 624-3785.

### FLC Project

The Flight Line Clinic is undergoing installation of new windows. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of August. In order to accommodate the construction project, the front entrance to the Clinic has been closed. Entrance to the Clinic will be through either of the side doors of the building. Please be advised that the Flight Line Clinic will continue to provide the usual range of services during this time.

Clinic parking will not be affected.

### Attention youth soccer players

Soccer players ages (10-12) male and female.

Anyone interested in playing competitive soccer this fall is asked to contact Jim Burke at 624-5116(W) or 624-0214(H) for further details.

### Security National Night Out

The Naval Air Station Sigonella Security department is sponsoring National Night Out, America's night out against crime. There will be games, free food and demonstrations by EOD, the Fire Department, Security and more. National Night Out is Aug. 3 at Marana Housing from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

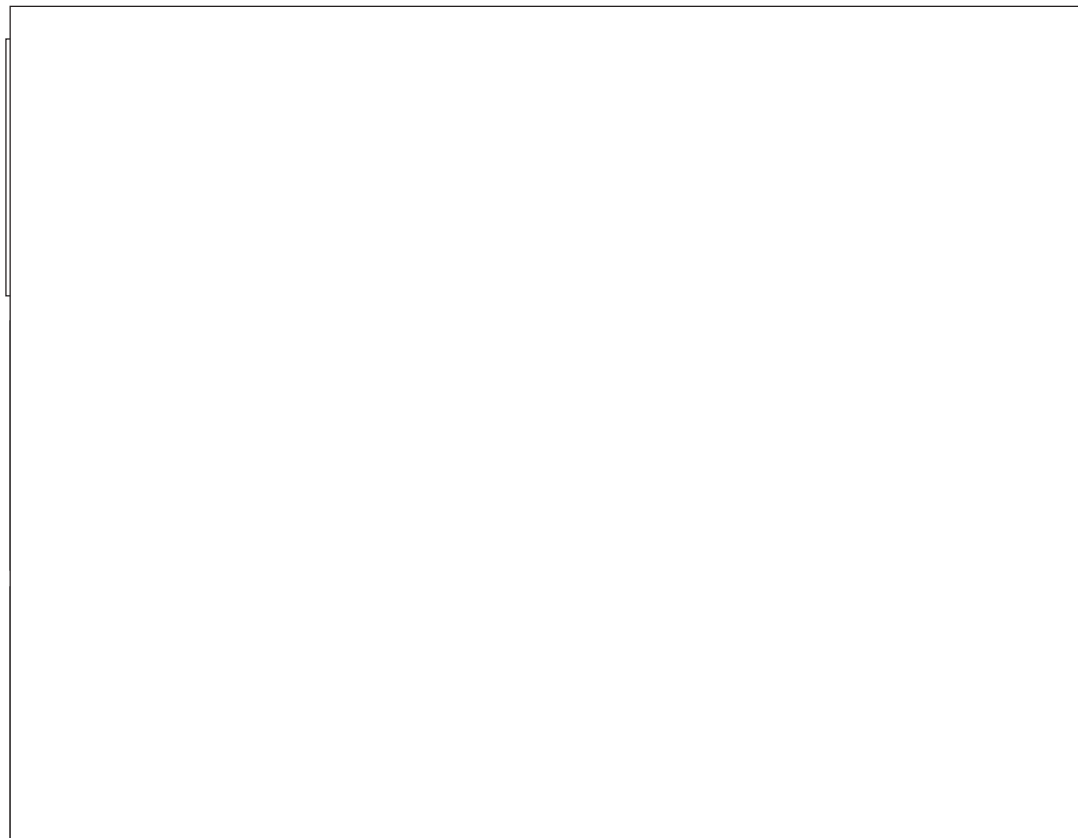
### Advancement exam study sessions

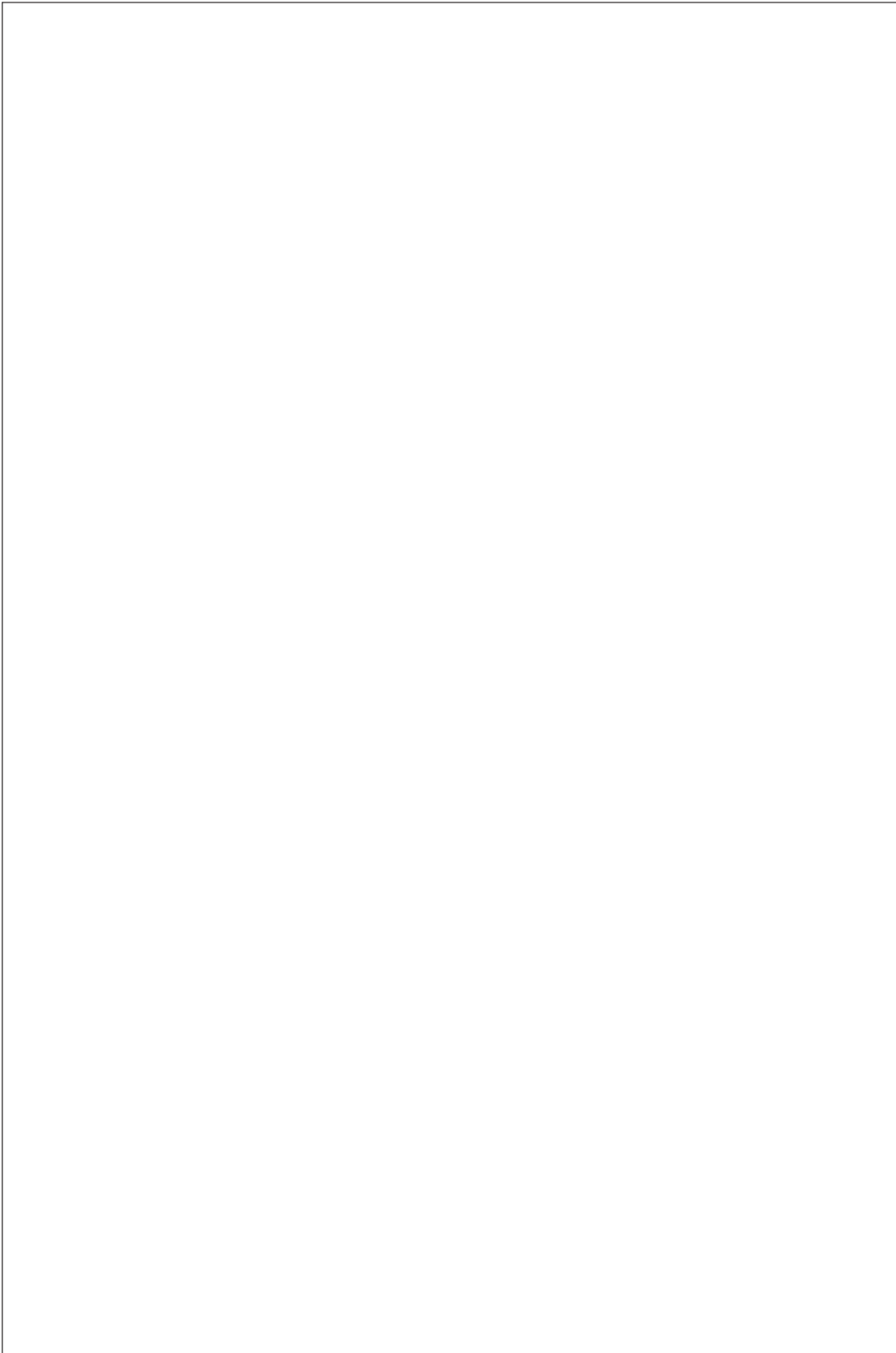
The NASSIG First Class Association is sponsoring "Military Requirements" advancement exam study sessions now through Aug. 26 at Bldg. 562 (adjacent to the NAS II ballfield). PO3's on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m., PO2's on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m., and PO1's Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Open to anyone preparing for the Navy-wide advancement exams.





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR					July	July
					July Jungle Matinee Party Base Theater Giveaways and more. Call 624-4216	Marina di Ragusa Water Park Adventures Unlimited Call 624-4271
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Fri., July 30						Thurs., Aug. 5
Enjoy the countryside for a day as ITT shows you the best products of Madonie Park: Cheese and olive oil. You'll sample cheeses and see the process of making Italian cheeses. Afterwards, stop by an Agrituristic farm to enjoy olive oil tasting. Call 624-4396.		Medieval Sicily comes to life at the Ventimiglia Tournament in Geraci Siculo. Geraci boasts an ancient and noble past and is home to the Ventimiglia Castle, as well as numerous churches and noble palaces. The tournament is held every year and features jousting, parades and reenactments. Call ITT at 624-4396 for more information.		Stop by the Crater Pub for some BINGO action. Cards go on sale at 5:30 p.m. and early-bird games start at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes for winners.		The Ten Pins Bowling Center is having "He Pays, She Pays" games every Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:30 - 8 p.m. He pays for all the games and she enjoys them. Shoe rentals will be reduced to 50 cents.
Stop by the base theater for their July Jungle Matinee Party. There will be giveaways and more. Call 624-4216 for more information.						Learn to make Gelato with your kids at the Trinita Farm in Mascali. The cooking class will be held in a large kitchen that can accommodate 18 children and their parents. Call ITT at 624-4396 for more information.







By Alberto Lunetta  
Signature Staff

# Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

## Old West Festival kicks off in Catania

Take a step back into the Wild West and visit the Western Village that is currently set up near the Catania lighthouse through Aug 22. An event designed to keep the "toes tappin' and the fingers snappin," the festival features an amazing reconstructed Western town that is divided into three different areas: the Western Village the Indian Camp and the Mexican Piazza. Festival goers who visit the Western Village will live an authentic cowboy experience as they'll have a chance to see amazing replicas of typical Old West buildings such as jail, saloons, general store, bank, post office, inn, and other shops. Daily entertainment kicking off at 8 p.m. includes rodeos, stagecoach rides through downtown, gunfight, saloon brawl and bank robbery re-enactments. The Western Village also includes Plaza Mexico, a Mexican-style restaurant which has a good selection of tacos and burritos.

Every evening you can travel back to the 19th century to the sound of country and western music. Festival-goers will be treated to shows featuring country and line-dancing, and cancan performances.

At the Indian Camp area, which consists of carefully reconstructed teepees, you will see drumming demonstrations and Native American dance exhibitions that help explain the Indian culture. Visitors can also make a bow and fletch an arrow and see an amazing replica of the totem pole. Plaza Mexico features Mexican dance, music, food and entertainment. All these performances will be packed with quality entertainers!

This genuine cowboy festival will also pay homage to critically acclaimed Italian movie director Sergio Leone. In the early 1960s, Leone released famous films such as "A Fistful Of Dollars," "For A Few Dollars More" and "The Good, The Bad

And The Ugly" featuring a new genre of Western movies with lots of action, drama, amazing sets, and impressive music that gave notoriety to Clint Eastwood.

An amazing exhibition will feature Spaghetti Western posters, costumes, settings and video clips.

As well as all the above entertainment there will be rides for the fun of adults and children and a variety of booths selling leather work, antique furniture, western clothing (boots, shirts and hats), ice creams and lots of art including a tattoo shop, trinkets, arts and crafts and paintings. The possibilities for fun and excitement will be truly endless!

For more information, detailed schedules and discounted tickets call 624-4777.

## Samba show to be held in Catania

If you love Brazilian music and dance, make sure you attend the contagious performance of *Terra Samba* that will be held in Catania at the port on Aug. 4 at 9:30 p.m.

One of Brazil's most popular progressive Samba groups, *Terra Samba* combines the roots of samba with new tendencies and breathtaking capoeira performances. In 2004, *Terra Samba* will tour several countries to present their latest release "Show do Terra Samba."

For more information call 095-241602. The cost of a ticket is €10. You can purchase your ticket at Box Office call 095-7225340.

## Andrea Bocelli to warm audiences' hearts in Catania

Italian Opera star Andrea Bocelli is set to perform in piazza Duomo on Aug. 2 at 9 p.m. Bocelli was born in 1958, in Lajatico, Tuscany,

Italy. He showed his musical talent at a very young age beginning piano lessons when he was six.

He later learned how to play the saxophone and flute. He started his career by singing at family gatherings.

After graduating from school, Bocelli attended the University of Pisa earning a Master's degree in Law. After that, he spent a year working as a younger lawyer. Blinded by congenital glaucoma at age 12, he triumphed over this impairment becoming one of the most successful opera singers in the world.

Since the 1990s, Bocelli's recordings have been selling millions of copies throughout the world. Bocelli's album "Romanza," an amazing collection of passionate popular songs that was released in 1997, won him a plethora of international multi-platinum awards and sales of fifteen million copies. His classical recording include:

"Sentimento," "Aria," "Sacred Arias" and "Verdi," as well as his acclaimed recordings of Puccini's "La Bohème" and Verdi's "Requiem." For more information



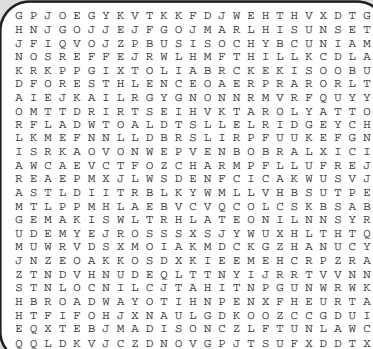
The Indian Camp area, which will feature carefully reconstructed teepees, an amazing replica of the totem pole and Native American dance and music, is one of the highlights of the Old West Festival running in Catania through Aug 22.

and tickets, which range from €90 to 35, call at Box Office (095-7225340) or Musica e Suoni (095-7225340).



## Word Find

Common street names



ADAMS	FOREST	MAPLE	SMITH
ASH	FOURTH	MILL	SOUTH
BROADWAY	FRANKLIN	MILLER	SPRING
CEDAR	HICKORY	NORTH	SUNSET
CENTER	HILL	OAK	SYCAMORE
CENTRAL	HILLCREST	PARK	TAYLOR
CHERRY	JACKSON	PINE	THIRD
CHURCH	JEFFERSON	POPLAR	VALLEY
COLLEGE	LAKE	RAILROAD	WALNUT
EAST	LINCOLN	RIDGE	WASHINGTON
ELM	LOCUST	SECOND	WEST
FIFTH	MADISON	SEVENTH	WILLOW
FIRST	MAIN	SIXTH	WOODLAND

## TRIVIA

Q: During the U.S. Civil War, what percentage of deaths were due to disease rather than wounds?  
50%, 45%, 10%, 67%?

Q: What year was Barbie introduced to the toy world; 1961, 1957, 1959, 1960?

Q: Of the following woods, which is the heaviest; ironwood, lignum vitae, redwood, white oak?

Q: True or false: Dogs yawn because they are bored.

Q: What is the best-selling jazz album of all time; Take Five, A Love Supreme, Headhunters, Kind of Blue?

(Answers on page 17)

## Movie Connection

JOHN'S Theater Schedule

Friday, July 30



1 p.m.  
**Garfield**  
(PG)\*\*



6 p.m.  
**The Stepford Wives**  
(PG-13)\*\*



8 p.m.  
**The Chronicles of Riddick**  
(R)\*\*

Saturday, July 31



1 p.m.  
**Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban**  
(PG)



4 p.m.  
**Anchorman**  
(PG-13)\*\*



6 p.m.  
**Troy**  
(R)

Sunday, Aug. 1



1 p.m.  
**Garfield**  
(PG)



3 p.m.  
**Spiderman 2**  
(PG-13)



6 p.m.  
**The Stepford Wives**  
(PG-13)

Monday, Aug. 2



6 p.m.  
**Anchorman**  
(PG-13)



8 p.m.  
**The Chronicles of Riddick**  
(R)

Theater Closed Tuesdays

Wednesday, Aug. 4



6 p.m.  
**Breakin' All The Rules**  
(PG-13)\*



8 p.m.  
**Van Helsing**  
(PG-13)\*

Thursday, Aug. 5



6 p.m.  
**Spiderman 2**  
(PG-13)



8:30 p.m.  
**The Stepford Wives**  
(PG-13)

Friday, Aug. 6



1 p.m.  
**Around the World in 80 Days**  
(PG)\*\*



6 p.m.  
**Dodgeball**  
(PG-13)\*\*



8 p.m.  
**Troy**  
(R)

\*\* Future Re-release \*Sneak Preview \*Last Showing  
(All times and movies are subject to change. For more information on the schedule, call the movie hotline at x4248.)

## Coupons getting refused at our registers?

By Gerri Young, DeCA Europe PAO

Yes, DeCA Europe commissaries still accept them for six months after the printed expiration date so, as long as your coupons fall within that range, they should be accepted.

However, a recent upgrade to our computer system allows us to automatically compare coupons presented against actual products purchased. This means if your coupon is for "brand name soup, 16 oz. dry mix" but you bought "brand name soup, 10 oz. canned," this coupon will be refused. This new system eliminates the need for the cashier to visually match the coupon to the product...the computer does it much faster and more efficiently. Just remember — coupons no older than six months after printed expiration date plus matching product in your cart equals successful purchase and bigger savings.

**Tips for faster coupon shopping:**

•Sort coupons carefully before shopping...check date of expiration

•Make sure you buy exactly what is offered on the coupon

•Present coupons to the cashier at the beginning of transaction, with the exception of two-for-one or buy-one-get-one-free coupons. These are best left with the products.

Millions of coupons are available and millions go unused! For the absolute best savings, always use coupons on top of our already low prices!

## Chicago Public Schools To Get Naval High School

By Chief Journalist Bruce Moody,  
Naval Service Training Command Public Affairs

NAVAL STATION, GREAT LAKES, Ill. (NNS) — Plans for a new naval academy for Chicago's high school students are moving forward, thanks to newly announced grant money and a partnership between Chicago Public Schools and the Naval Service Training Command, in Great Lakes, Ill.

At a news conference July 19, Rear Adm. Dirk DeBink, vice commander, Navy Region Midwest, said the Naval Service Training Command is excited and looking forward to this new venture with Chicago Public Schools.

"The U.S. Navy today is all about the growth and development of young men and women," DeBink said. "What better way than to apply what we're doing with Chicago Public Schools, and work with the young people that really make a difference, the ones that will eventually be leading the country years from now."

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley addressed the news conference attended by all the major print, TV and radio news outlets in the area. The mayor said the Navy and Chicago Public Schools will work together to offer a program that will help students learn self-discipline and academic skills on their way to becoming the leaders of the next generation.

"Through this partnership between the Chicago Public Schools and the U.S. Navy, we will provide another outstanding educational program for our high school-age students," Daley said. "The new

naval military high school academy will combine academic excellence with military training and leadership opportunity."

The partnership is backed by a \$2.1 million grant secured by Illinois Senator Dick Durbin, who was also at the news conference. The grant will go toward staff training, uniforms and start-up costs. School officials hope to locate the high school academy on the North Side, which does not have a high school military academy.

Durbin said he is pleased with the involvement of the Naval Service Training Command. He noted their success with Recruit Training Command, the Navy's boot camp.

"If you've been up there recently, you'll be amazed at how much has been invested to make certain that the men and women who pass through those gates can serve our nation well," Durbin said. The Navy and Chicago Public Schools must succeed in training young people, he said, because, "the nation is anxious to ensure that we have young people, men and women who are ready for a bright future, whether it's in the military or not."

The Chicago Public Schools is the third-largest school system in the United States. It has the largest military program of any school district in the nation, with more than 10,000 cadets in its high schools and middle schools.

According to Daley's office, attendance and graduation rates continue to soar at all military programs and schools. The Chicago Military Academy boasts a 98 percent graduation rate and 97 percent attendance rate.

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## AFN to roll out two new channels

By JO2 Steve Weaver  
Staff Writer

AFN TV here at Naval Air Station Sigonella will soon add two new channels to the current lineup of seven channels and will expand the current AFN Spectrum lineup.

The two new channels will initially allow for more coverage of the upcoming 2004 Olympic Games to be held in Athens, Greece.

The new AFN Family and AFN Movie channels will show up on the AFN dial in early August to provide 584 hours of coverage of the Olympics. AFN Family will carry taped Olympic events from the Bravo TV network, and AFN Movie will carry coverage from The NBC and MSNBC networks.

According to the myafn.net Web site, the new service allows AFN to offer more Olympic Games coverage than ever before. The games will also be distributed among several other AFN channels, such as AFN Atlantic, AFN Pacific and AFN Sports. AFN Atlantic and Pacific will carry NBC events and AFN Sports will carry USA network coverage. The coverage begins on Aug. 11 and ends on Aug. 29.

The AFN Family and Movie service will start operating with their normal programming on Sept. 3. According to JO1 Eric Deatherage, AFN Sigonella operations manager, the new services will make the AFN lineup better. "With the new channels they'll have a bigger selection of programming," Deatherage said. "Everyone will find something they will like."

AFN Family will host contemporary family entertainment appealing to all ages. According to myafn.net, the channel will be a destination for kids throughout the week and have weekend schedules featuring children's series, specials and movies. AFN Movie will have the obvious movies and specials presented with limited interruptions. It will also have behind the scenes views of the entertainment industry.

Deatherage said the housing areas are expected to have the equipment needed to show the new channels in time for the Olympic coverage. "People in Sigonella who live on the economy and have the AFN Decoder are already set," Deatherage said. "When the new channels go online, they will get them."

AFN Spectrum will expand its eight-hour program "wheel" to 24 hours, according to the Web site. This will add more daytime lifestyle and home shows, late night comedy and a better weekend primetime lineup.

The schedules for both AFN Family and AFN Movie are available on the myafn.net Web site. Those who are interested can check out what the channels will feature by clicking on schedules, then Sep. 3.

These new channels are being added as a direct result from audience feedback received during a recent survey conducted by the American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS).



## MORE CHOICES



On September 3rd, the American Forces Network will premiere two new services - AFN Movie and AFN Family as well as our 24 hour programming on AFN Spectrum.

**AFN Family** will be a destination for quality, contemporary family entertainment. From SpongeBob to 7th Heaven, Dragon Tales to Distance Education, all with a youthful and fun edge.

**AFN Movie** will offer a wide variety of hit movies with limited interruption, specials and programs that take the viewer behind the scenes of the entertainment industry. And every Saturday night you can look forward to a major Hollywood blockbuster premiering on AFN Movie.

**AFN Spectrum** will expand to a full 24 hour schedule with new daytime lifestyle programs and ever more dramas and comedies.

**Coming September 3rd**  
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# SPORTS

## What's all that raquet?

By Alexis James  
Staff Writer

It's only been two-and-a-half years since UT3 Josh McMahon first picked up a racket, but in less time than it takes many people to complete a tour of duty, he has made a name for himself. After winning this year's base racquetball championship, he entered a tournament in Germany that was part of the European pro tour, placed third and walked away with a year-long contract with Team Head.

McMahon says he just "wanted to see what the rest of Europe was like as far as racquetball players." And he's had a chance to experience it up close, playing against European pros at two different tournaments. Anyone can enter, he explains, but participants are often up against the best of the best in the racquetball world.

## NASSIG Sailor takes his game to new levels

After dueling it out on the court with some of Europe's finest, McMahon has improved his game and been exposed to a completely different style. "It's more intense," he says of the European game. "In racquetball the ideal situation is to kill the ball, that's just to put the ball so low ... that they can't get it. (In Germany), on the court, everybody's putting the ball away on every shot, but all those guys have the potential to go the other way."

In spite of this intense style of play, McMahon has agreed to play at least two more tournaments in the next year—those are the terms of his contract, which are absolutely fine by him: "I'm getting paid to play racquetball," he says. As for his "day job," he works with public works, and spends much of his spare time on the court. "I use available time and go to the gym to play racquetball during my lunch break, after

work," he says. "I like to play sports, that's who I am. I'm naturally athletic, I'll play anything."

McMahon grew up in a Navy family and says he joined for the commitment. "I held sixty-something jobs, doing construction ... I never went unemployed, but I never could get committed." That doesn't seem to be a problem now—in addition to playing racquetball, he's also going to school full time so at the end of his enlistment he has the option of pursuing other interests.

Right now, those interests center on racquetball and where it could take him. "In the next five years, I think I could be on the verge of the pro circuit. That's my goal." And McMahon sees it as a feasible goal. He's been playing for less than three years, gone up against professionals, and beaten them at their own game.

### MWR 2004 Softball Standings Through Week 6 - July 20

"A" League		
	W	L
VP-16	4	0
COMSTA "A"	3	1
NMCB 74	2	1
SEC "A"	1	1
AIMD "A"	2	2
PHD "A"	1	3
SEC "B"	0	3
Hospital "A"	0	1
Percentage		
VP-16	100	
COMSTA "A"	75	
NMCB 74	66	
SEC "A"	50	
AIMD "A"	50	
PHD "A"	25	
SEC "B"	0	
Hospital "A"	0	
"B" League		
	W	L
Supply	3	0
COMSTA "B"	1	0
HC-4	1	0
PSD	1	0
Weapons	1	1
PHD "B"	1	1
OPF	1	1
AIMP PP	2	2
TSC	1	2
EOD	0	2
VP-16 "B"	0	3
Hospital "B"	0	2
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## Navy Head Football Coach Paul Johnson Named One Of The Hot Head Coaches By American Football Monthly

Courtesy Navysports.com

Now an annual tradition-American Football Monthly's listing of the season's 'hot' coaches-is on the market. This summer AFM expanded their listing to 80 coaches-10 at every level from high school to the National Football League-that are primed for success and ready to make a move.

AFM's research staff explored the best and brightest at all levels-high school, Division I-A, Division I-AA, Division II, Division III, NAIA, Junior College, and the National Football League. The results: a complete and comprehensive review of coaches that will be scrutinized and analyzed throughout the fall but are considered the cream of the crop.

"Our research staff looked at coaches at all levels of competition-high school through the NFL," said AFM's Managing Editor Rex Lardner. "We believe this listing includes the top coaches at all levels that are either ready for a breakout year, poised to move up the ranks, or continuing a successful tradition."

In addition to head coaches, offensive and defensive coordinators as well as position coaches were included in the list.



Navy Head Football Coach Paul Johnson talks to his players during a game.

Johnson led the Midshipmen to eight wins in 2003, matching the number of wins the team had in the previous four seasons combined as his high powered offense helped Navy lead the nation in rushing for the first time in school history. Two of Navy's eight victories came against Air Force and Army, giving Navy the Commander-In-Chief's trophy for the first time since 1981.

## The Lane

### Two-on-two Horseshoe Tournament

Hit the ringers to earn points for your command. Then, chow down on a free barbecue. The fun starts on Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. at the NAS II Ball Field. Call 624-3785 for more information.

### Free Walley Clinic

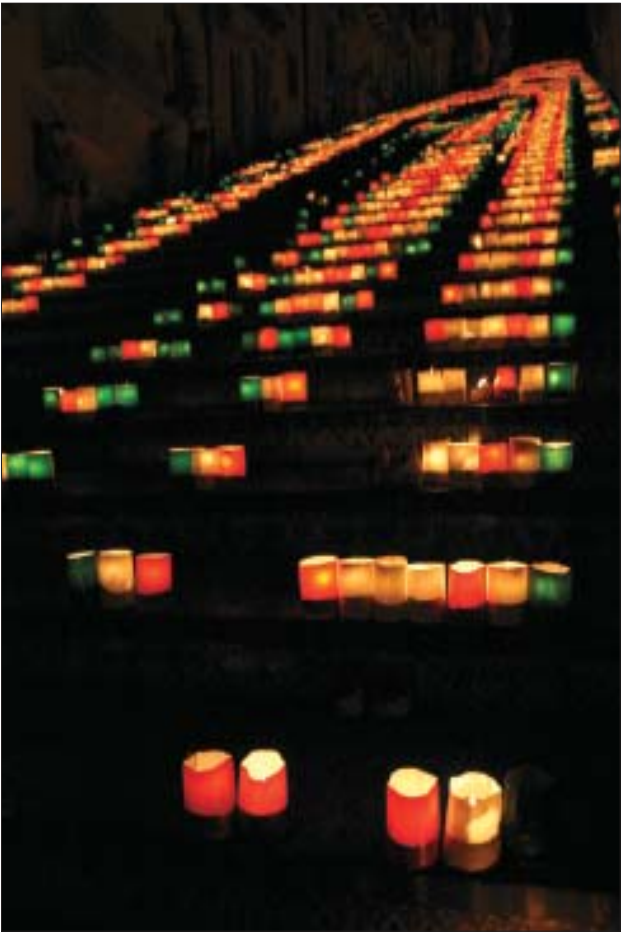
The clinic takes place from Aug. 2 through Aug. 5 at the NAS II gym from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Learn to play this off-the-wall, fast-paced game in time for the tournament. Work on strategies to help you win or just have a great time. Call 624-3785 for more information.

### Trinacria Challenge: 3 Club Tournament

Take the challenge. Pick your lucky three and stay in the fairways. There is a meeting Aug. 12 at 4 p.m. at Jox Sports Bar. The tourney starts at 9 a.m. on Aug. 14 at the Picciolo Golf Club. Call 624-3785 for more information.

### Captain's Cup swim meet

Swim the fastest to rack up points for your command. Swimmers will be treated to a BBQ, T-shirt and awards will be given. Men's and women's events. The fun is Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. at the NAS II pool. Call 624-4334 or 624-5335 for more information.



The candles, or *candele*, line the Scala di Santa Maria del Monte and present an great view during the night.

# The Candles in Caltagirone

Story and Photos by  
JOE Steve Weaver  
Staff Writer

There was hushed anticipation of the event. People gathered on the ceramic steps in Caltagirone, Sicily, to take part in something that would light up their night...and their lives. Those with the fortitude to stay up past their bedtime on July 25 gathered at around 4 p.m. to take a trip hosted by Naval Air Station Sigonella's Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) office to the city known for its ceramics.

We arrived early, well, early by Italian standards. Our tour guide Alfina Rapisarda first took us through the *giardino pubblico* or public garden for a look at the gazebo there with it's ceramic eagle, which represents the emblem of the city. Rapisarda took then took the group through the old part of Caltagirone, stopping to point out the various architectural and important areas of the city. Rapisardo also took the group to an interesting museum with a miniature nativity scene and model of the ceramic steps, which is not too far from the real steps.

The festival Caltagirone holds each year from July 23 to July 25, and again on Aug. 1, celebrates *San Giacomo*, or Saint James, who is the city's patron saint. The festival dates back to July 25, 1090, when Count Roger the Norman liberated Caltagirone from Muslim rule. Saint James was called on by Roger to help defeat the Muslim Saracens, which he did, riding a white horse. After the battle, Roger erected a temple in the saint's honor.

During the festival, a relic of St. James (a piece of bone from his arm) is carried in a silver box during the procession. The box was made in 1691 by the Gagini brothers and is considered a masterpiece in Italian art. A statue of the saint is also toured through the streets. Another interesting part of the festival features a parade of period costumes from the 18th century.

Arriving at the Scala di Santa Maria del Monte steps, one can see the amount of work that went into creating them. The steps lead up to the entrance to the Church of Santa Maria del Monte. The 142 steps were designed and built in the 1600s, but not until 1953 was the polychrome *Majolica* (tiles) added by local ceramists. Rapisardo pointed out that each row of steps had a different ceramic tile design. Walking up the steps, you can see the design change from various geometric designs to pictures of knights, animals and so on. The steps connect the old part of town at the top with the newer part at the bottom.

On the nights of July 24 and 25, the steps are decorated by thousands of paper "cups" in red, green and white. Burn lamps filled with olive oil are set inside the cups to complete these candles, or *candele*, as Rapisardo pointed out. The candles are arranged in different designs each year. Pictures I saw before coming to the lighting make it look like the largest "Lite Bright" ever known.

After a procession of 18th century costumes and various Italian officials, darkness began to descend upon Caltagirone and the time grew closer for the big moment.

At around 9 p.m., the area in front of the Scala di Santa Maria del Monte steps began to fill with more and more people. Many people walked right up onto the steps, some even from the group of Sigonellans. After a few minutes, the whole steps were covered with people waiting to hear the go ahead to light the lamps in their vicinity.

After staring at the mass of humanity on the stairs for what seemed like hours, the signal was given and the lucky candle lighters hunched down to light things up. After all the candles were lit, the lights in the area were shut off and the people carefully trickled down off the steps.

Like a fire starting to spread, the lit candle design eventually was revealed as everyone exited the steps. Cameras snapped, people clapped and soon everyone filtered out to the rest of the city to enjoy the rest of the festivities around town.

The group on the ITT trip eventually made it back to the bus and slept on the way back to the base...maybe with visions of candlelight flickering in their heads.



The miniature model of the Caltagirone ceramic steps is presented with intricate detail. A miniature nativity scene can also be seen in this model of the sicilian town.



A painting featuring Saint James can be seen at the top of the Scala di Santa Maria del Monte steps.



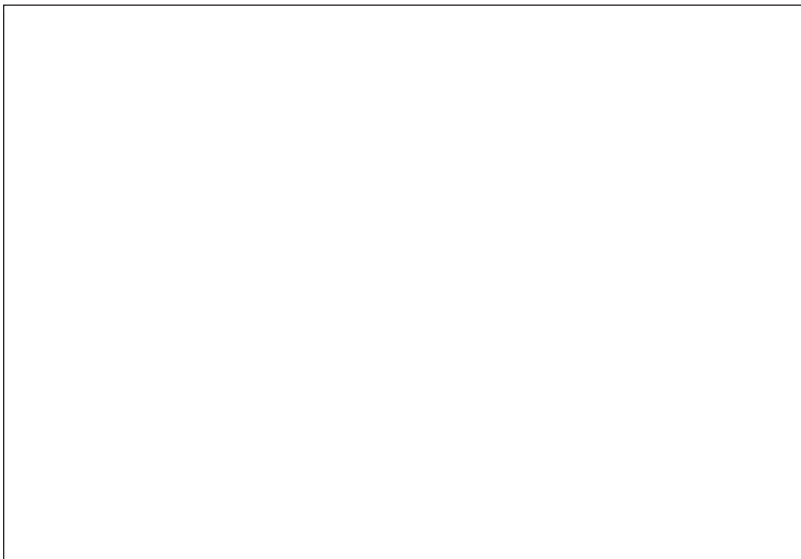


Above left: The candles, or *candele*, are carefully set up on each step so the finished design can be seen in front of the steps. Each row of steps has a different design.

Above: The Scala di Santa Maria del Monte connect the old part of the city on the top with the new part on the bottom. The top offers a great view for those wishing to climb the 142 steps.

Left: People crowd the steps and hunch down to light the candles.

Bottom: A new design is created every year on the steps, each with thousands of individual *candele*.





Seabees from page 1

contingencies. It's how to build construction. This project is heavy concrete work. The land annex project was a lot of electrical work and a lot of plumbing work. All of our rates get a little bit of training, but we came here focused on concrete for this portion of our deployment."

"It was a different deployment for me," Watson said. "Anytime you're in a battalion of roughly 650 people and you get to break away from that main body site and do your own thing with your small group, it makes your deployment go by so much faster. Everybody's closer together and it makes the deployment much smoother and easier."

Currently, NMCB 74 personnel are located here, in Rota, Spain, Souda Bay, Greece, the Caribbean and in Iraq. "With the state of affairs and Operation Iraqi Freedom going on, a lot of our unit is there," Rapp said. "That's where our main body is right now. They're supporting Marines in Iraq. That's where most of these guys who are on this [detail] were last year."

Future Sigonellans who play tennis at the land annex, or drive by the north fence at NAS II can thank NMCB 74 and the Seabees who came before and followed for their hard work.

Left: EO3 Jerry Chalus and EOCN(SCW) William Goodwin, both from NMCB 74, install barbed wire on top of the new wall.

Bottom: BU3 Craig Miller smooths out some freshly poured concrete as SW3 Charles Ward and BU3(SCW) John Watson work further along.







AZC John Herreria, assigned to Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) at NAS Sigonella, shows one of his fishing floats which he has collected. This float is used for attracting and catching octopus with it's sharp hooks and colorful design.



Chief John Herreria holds up one of his glass fishing floats which he obtained on a trip to Sweden. It was painted and depicts a local village complete with boat, dock and houses. The Norwegians were the first to use these floats for fishing purposes.



AZC John Herreria shows just a little of his collection of glass fishing floats of all shapes and sizes which he has been collecting.

Some of AZC John Herreria's glass fishing floats in his home at the Naval Air Station Sigonella Maranai Housing area.

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Japan, where they were used extensively. However, many of the floats would escape the fisherman's nets and were set adrift during their use.

The floats, which can range from two inches to 20 inches in diameter and be colored blue, red, purple, yellow and orange, are now sought after by collectors who catch the glass fishing float "bug."

One man who caught the bug is now stationed here at Naval Air Station Sigonella, AZC John Herreria of SPAWAR DET MED. He caught it while stationed at Misawa Air Force Base in Northern Japan.

Herreria's master chief at Misawa kept hounding him to come with him on a beach-combing trip to look for these floats. "When you go, you go early in the morning before the sunrise," said Herreria. "So I kept procrastinating." Herreria finally agreed to go and found his first float right by the beach. "It was just sitting there. From a distance [I thought] it was a rock, but as I got closer my heart started pumping because it was my first one."

"I got the bug after that," he said. "I was looking forward to every weekend or every day off I got. From the base, it was a 40-minute drive to the nearest beach. From then on I would make excuses to go camping so I could wake up in the morning and go to the beach."

Catch the bug he did. Herreria currently has about 1,500 of these glass fishing floats at his home and in storage in the U.S. and Guam.

Herreria's wife Joyce wasn't too enthusiastic about his hobby at first. "At first I was against it," Joyce said. "Because he brings them in the house and they smell because of the beach, the salt...the seaweed fishy smell. But he really wanted to do it. I was against it...going with the guys so early in the morning and then they come back so late on the weekend. I would say you're spending more time with them than with me."

Joyce finally gave in and started going with John. "She'll stay in the car and I'll be walking for two or three kilometers and back and she'll be reading a book," said John. She didn't have the beach-combing ability as John did. "Even if they're right in front of me I can't find them," Joyce said.

Soon after, John found that there was a whole community of people who took part in this hobby. He even found a catalog where you could buy them.

Joyce set a rule about acquiring too many of the floats. "I said, 'Can you just be a little bit picky and just get the rare ones instead of anything that falls from the sea.' So he started getting into the rare ones."

Part of the reason why John took Sigonella as a duty station was to find some of the European glass fishing floats. "We just got back three weeks ago from a 24-day vacation," John said. They traveled to Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark and took a fairy to Bergen, Norway. "I know that the Norwegians were the first ones who used these, so I knew I'd find some there. Indeed, I found some of the unique ones."

Most of the floats are longer in use by fishermen. Those who do use the floats use plastic instead of glass. "We went to old fishing villages and they had nothing because they're all commercialized," said John. "We found them at flea markets, antique shops and nautical shops. We visited a lot of fishing museums in Bergen. They had pictures inside the museums how they were using [the floats]."

The jewel of John's collection is a Swedish one shaped like a bottle. Its color gives it most of its value. "As collectors, cobalt blue is one of the rarest colors there is," he said. "Some of these are priceless." John holds up the float. "I won't let this go though. For me, this is it right here. You won't believe how many guys would die just to get this one."

John's friend in Salem, Oregon, is co-author of the book for European glass fishing floats. "He said I'm the third person to have this [type of float]. So there's only three among us to have this shape and color."

John has yet to find a float made in Sicily, or Italy for that matter. "When I do, I'll be the happiest guy because I could tell those guys in the northwest, 'hey look what I found!'" Many people from the northwest U.S. such as Oregon, Washington and Alaska collect the floats due to the current carrying them there. Those that do collect attend fairs devoted to the hobby. John has yet to attend, but would like to some day.

Herreria has plans for his next adventure to find the floats. "There is one place I want to go...Iceland," he said. "That's my next target."

Herreria has no plans on stopping his hobby anytime soon. Meanwhile, his house will continue to be filled with the buoyant, colorful and breakable objects.





RIMPAC from page 3

For many Sailors, RIMPAC offered them the opportunity to work on various qualifications. "I have been trained on a lot of things right now," said Airman Stephen Bussiere of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 113 aboard Stennis. "We have so many more flight operations that you get more training. I've learned a lot, which gets me that much closer to my air warfare pin."

RIMPAC also gave junior Sailors the opportunity to meet foreign sailors.

"My friends and I have friends from the Australian Navy and Japanese Navy," said Bussiere. "We plan on getting together in Hawaii."

For senior leadership, the opportunity to participate in RIMPAC is extraordinary.

"We're in historic waters when you think about the role that Hawaii has played in the United States Navy," Walsh explained. "These exercises have given us a chance to take stock of ourselves and our allies, and what we treasure. We treasure our service, and what we value more than anything else are those who stand with us."

Summer Pulse 2004 demonstrated the Navy's new construct for deploying forces as part of the Fleet Response Plan (FRP). Under the FRP, the Navy will maintain the ability to simultaneously deploy six carrier strike groups (CSGs) in less than 30 days to support contingency operations around the world, and have two more CSGs ready to support or relieve elements of the initial responding forces within three months.

## Kitty Hawk Strike Group Exercises with Force

By JO2 David Beyea,  
USS Kitty Hawk Public Affairs

YOKOSUKA, Japan (NNS) — With Summer Pulse 2004 in motion, the USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) Carrier Strike Group (CSG) continued to maintain security with a force protection exercise from June 28–July 1.

The force protection exercise was designed to evaluate and train the Kitty Hawk CSG's ability to go through various force protection conditions. The exercise tested the ability to go through all levels of force protection conditions, and activate its response to various terrorist threats.

"Force protection is definitely a perishable skill," said Lt. Keith Dowling, the strike group's force protection officer.

"With various unstable conditions in the world, with terrorism, all crew members of every ship need to be familiar with force protection," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW) Russell Chaffin, Kitty Hawk's security department leading petty officer. "Knowing force protection will help Sailors combat terrorism around the world."

Along with Kitty Hawk, USS Vincennes (CG 49), USS Chancellorsville (CG 62), USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54), USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) and USS Gary (FFG 51) all took part in the exercises.

To ensure the Kitty Hawk CSG's force protection skills were fresh, the exercise simulated threats, such as ship surveillance, pier and ship penetration, bomb threats, improvised explosive devices and small boat attacks.

"We had various drills designed to progressively adjust the force protection condition," said Dowling. "We made sure we had the manning and the equipment necessary to implement all the measures for each force protection condition."

Force protection officers, force protection training teams and security teams from the different ships participated in the exercise.

"On Kitty Hawk, that's (security) comprises both the security department and all the watchstanders for the different watch rotations. On the small boys, it consists of ship's personnel who are standing force protection watches," said Dowling.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, Det. Japan, was responsible for providing simulated improvised explosive devices (IEDs), as well as training ship's personnel on search techniques for bomb threats, identifying mail bombs and the initial actions to be taken in an IED incident.

Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) security personnel helped run the logistics of the exercise, which spanned several commands. CFAY security also acted as the host nation's security during the simulated events.

To evaluate and provide feedback on the exercise, Ship's Training Anti-Terrorism Team San Diego teamed up with the Yokosuka branch of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

"I think Kitty Hawk did extremely well, with just coming off of an underway period and training the crew to take over force protection watches on the pier," said Chaffin. "The training was well received, giving us a high score from the inspection chief from San Diego."

With the exercise over, the Kitty Hawk CSG will now use the lessons they learned from the exercise to improve on force protection readiness during the current Summer Pulse '04 global readiness demonstration.

"Lessons learned included a need to review and practice our preplanned responses on a routine basis," said Dowling.



## Just another day on the flight line

An MH-53E "Sea Dragon" helicopter assigned to Helicopter Support Squadron Four (HC-4) is readied for takeoff on the Naval Air Station Sigonella flight line on July 22.

The Sea Dragon is capable of carrying up to 55 troops or a 16-ton payload 50 nautical miles or a 10-ton payload 500 nautical miles.

Photo by J02 Steve Weaver

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YNSN Lasheema Babbs works on one of her poems. The 22-year-old member of Patrol Squadron Sixteen (VP-16) published her firstbook of poems by age 17. Babbs has been in the Navy six months, two of those with VP-16.

# Poetry of a Sailor

By Lt. J.g. Trent Tanski,  
VP-16 public affairs officer

With only six months in the Navy under her belt and barely two months in VP-16, 22-year-old YNSN Lasheema Babbs is already being noticed. Babbs is known not only for her wonderful personality and desire to learn, but also as a young professional author using her natural talent with words to convey beauty that touches her readers' souls.

Babbs was born to a single mother in a lower income area of Paterson, N.J. and was raised by her grandmother along with her five brothers. As the only girl in the family, she faced many difficult times but never lost her determination or desire to fulfill her dreams of writing.

Ameehsal Mind Speaka, Babbs's penname, was making her dreams come alive on paper as early as age 11. As a young girl she continued to follow her dreams and published her first poem, "The Ultimate Risk," at the age of 13. By age 17, she had published her first book of poems. As a teenager, she had already taught herself to bind and typeset, which allowed her to make the books herself and reap the profits of fifty sold copies.

With continued aspiration she pursued publishing companies and in 2003 she landed her first publishing deal. Her latest book "Emotional Development" is comprised of 87 original poems with photography and drawings, most of which were drawn by her. You will not find it on the shelves of your local bookstore, but you can order it from Barnes n' Noble, Books-a-Million and Amazon.com. An excerpt from her book is included below.

Without taking that extra step to get to know your fellow Sailors you may never know what talents they possess. It's amazing what may be hidden right under our noses, but we may never know if we don't ask. Challenge yourself today to stop and get to know those around you.

## Stare

By YNSN Lasheema Babbs

Ha! I see you staring into my eyes Wondering whether to give me a try Questioning your inner most part Trying to figure out this feeling in your heart Not a pain, not even much of a joy But it something stronger than what you felt as a boy Can't explain it, can barely be grasped The mystery of this spell being cast Yeah, I see you peering into me Trying to compose the being you see And how in the world did I get the key Who is this person who happens to be me? And with you staring so hard you just miss The pure excitement and my personal bliss Of watching you stare into my eyes Even got me questioning whether to try To understand my inner most part Already making a vacancy in my heart And in my mind and in my soul Your worth out weighing that of gold And though half of the story goes untold We both have realized it must be taken slow Or maybe not	And maybe you think that I am unaware But you say nothing much more than that when your stare I read those eyes looking at me Still trying to compose what you see Not sure of what's on my mind And you search my eyes to see what you'll find Running around what you feel Not sure what's the deal With everything that is going on Searching to see if it's coming on too strong I, too, trying to figure out How so quickly this has all came about Wondering what is my true vibe What is it that we really trying to find Looking so deep into something so new I see you wondering about our next move Only time can truly tell What will be the end result of this spell? Castled in between our eyes Questioning what next to try Still searching that inner most part What's really going on in our hearts?
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## Human error causes too many mishaps

By Dan Steber, Naval Safety Center

We lose more than 200 people each year in mishaps, more than 170 of them to senseless and preventable human-error-related mistakes. The dollars costs are staggering, and the pain that families face because of these losses is immeasurable. We owe it to our Sailors, Marines, Aviators, and loved ones to do better.

One expert in the human-factors field, Capt. Nick Webster, MC, Head of the Aeromedical Division at the Naval Safety Center, said, "Humans are part of almost every system we design, and, just by our very nature, we are prone to make minor mistakes every day." That fact is found in data from the Naval Safety Center's web-enabled safety system/safety information-management system (WESS/SIMS) database shows us that each year human error is responsible for about 85% of mishaps. Annual mishap costs hover around \$700 million, and human error accounts for \$595 million of that amount.

The Navy and Marine Corps are trying to reduce these numbers and are doing so to save people, equipment and money. We must understand the goal goes beyond a 50 percent reduction in mishaps. As Secretary England said, "The goal isn't really 50 percent. We'll settle for 50 percent, but we don't want anyone injured or killed." New technology and more reliable equipment have helped to reduce or eliminate certain types of mishaps, but reducing human error is our clearest path to achieve success. Capt. Webster pointed out, "As we continue to build more complex machines that go faster, turn quicker, and climb higher, the limiting factor becomes the human being. [They] can only process so much information on the job and are prone to make an error."

Several programs are helping us to turn the tide against human error. Capt. Webster mentioned that these safety programs have built-in safety buffers in the form of administrative controls to prevent us

from operating in an unsafe situation. For example, squadron-level human-factors councils and the human-factors QMB focus on preventing human-error mishaps. They work to improve naval aviation processes, programs and systems that affect human performance.

Operational risk management (ORM) attacks human error by getting our people to identify and assess risk, decide which risks are acceptable, set up controls, and supervise the overall process.

Crew and maintenance resource management (CRM/MRM) programs offer aviators and maintainers a way to understand the problems that arise in group-related interactions. They provide aircrew and groundcrew coordination training to specifically give our people insight into the problems associated with decision making, leadership, assertiveness, communications, situational awareness, and other areas that affect team-related functions. Khaki risk management is a training session that the Naval Safety Center gives to maintenance officers and chiefs that encompasses ORM, MRM and GCT.

The effort to reduce human-error mishaps ties in directly with our efforts to meet Secretary Rumsfeld's reduction goal. It will take more time, but the clock is running. We have to move ahead smartly. The challenge is tough and no one group or program is the solution. RADM Dick Brooks, Commander, Naval Safety Center, said "We can't do it alone. We need the fleet's help to make the Navy and Marine Corps safer and more able to meet the challenges that lie ahead." The Navy and Marine Corps cannot accept needless errors. We must protect our people and keep families from unwanted sorrow.

For more information on the 50-Percent Reduction Plan, visit <http://safetycenter.navy.mil/MishapReduction/>. While there, navigate to our aviation directorate and find out more on their efforts on human factors and the fight to end human error.

## Electrical outlets safety

From the Naval Safety Center

Picture yourself staggering to the bathroom in the middle of the night because nature calls. With your eyes welded shut, you slide your hand across the wall to turn the light on, then *boom*!!!!!! It's a possibility if your light switch looks like this.

Seems the fella who took the light-switch cover off to do some work never got around to putting one back on. Then (and I shall not attempt to reason why) they used the wires inside the box as a jewelry hanger.

Now I'll admit that I've left outlet covers off longer than I should have before, but I've never even been tempted to hang something from the wires inside the box. Folks, when you work on electric wires, make sure you finish your work ... especially if you'll be placing your fingers close to them a lot. It sure would be a shame if you or someone you know got hurt because of such a fixable hazard.

P.S. Did you notice what the little sign says? "Lord help me." Yep, I'd say that's an appropriate plea while things look like this.

Thanks to Master Chief Burnett from Norfolk, Va. for this one.



## New Mishap Reporting and Analysis Tool Reaches First Milestone

By Derek Nelson, Naval Safety Center

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — Fleet efforts to easily and accurately report mishaps received a major boost in July, as the Naval Safety Center's Web-Enabled Safety System (WESS) went online with the first of three phases.

For the first time, WESS allows fleet and field safety officers to report mishaps and retrieve data online. It is a major improvement over the previous PC-based and naval-message reporting methods, because it does away with the preparation of lengthy mishap messages, maintenance of time-consuming shipboard accident and injury logs, and development of unique record-keeping for trend data by individual commands. Instead, the answers to questions about Navy mishaps or recurring hazards will be available in real-time data.

"It's like an ATM for data," said Capt. Charlene Brassington, WESS project manager at the Naval Safety Center. "Before, it was like going through the bank teller line to get safety data. This is so much easier and quicker."

Improving the quality of the mishap data base is critical to the Navy's efforts to reduce the mishap rate by 50 percent.

"Data doesn't do any good sitting at the Naval Safety Center," explained Brassington. "With WESS, we should get better reporting compliance. This will in turn increase the

credibility of the data. With more data to trend on, we'll get a more accurate picture of mishaps and causes."

WESS consolidates more than a dozen other previous reporting formats under a single system.

This release includes shore, afloat, ground, work-related illnesses and injuries; diving, home, recreational and motor vehicle mishaps; and numerous other non-aviation types of mishaps. The second two phases of WESS are for aviation hazard reports and for aviation mishap reports.

Among the improvements offered by WESS are extensive use of pull-down menus and pick lists, so that users don't have to type in information. WESS uses Turbo Tax methodology to filter out questions that are not applicable to the mishap, which greatly reduces the amount of time it takes users to submit reports.

The Safety Center Web site offers a PowerPoint-based users' guide, with step-by-step instructions for how to best use various features in WESS.

WESS promises to be a powerful new tool for safety personnel as they manage their mishaps for prevention.

"It allows commands to query data more accurately, to see what is happening and determine the causes of mishaps, which will in turn help them target their prevention efforts," Brassington added.

## Fire safety tips: clothes dryers

Courtesy NASSIG Fire Department

Lint build up is a fire hazard

Over the course of a year the average washer and dryer sees about 477 loads of laundry, or about nine loads per week. These machines are designed to handle this type of activity and they will do it efficiently if they are properly maintained.

Lint that is allowed to build up, however, cannot only interfere with the performance of the appliance, but is also a significant fire hazard. Preventative maintenance is simple and effective. Most people clean out lint traps before drying the next load—a good habit to get into. But more maintenance is needed to minimize the fire hazard.

During the lint screen cleaning, some of the lint becomes air borne and settles in the surrounding area. This lint, along with those lint particles that happen to escape the lint trap in the normal drying process, can accumulate and build up, increasing the fire hazard. The areas behind and under the dryer are typical

areas where this build up can occur unnoticed. NASSIG Fire Prevention has noted another area that dryer lint build up will accumulate, on the exhaust vent screen outside the housing units.

All these areas need to be cleaned of lint prior to excessive build up.

### Dryer Safety Tips.

•Clean the lint screen after every load.

Your clothes will dry quicker, your dryer will operate more efficiently AND you'll reduce the fire hazard.

•Softener sheets can cause a waxy build up on the lint screen. Wash the lint screen in warm soapy water and dry it completely before replacing it in the dryer.

•Do not operate the dryer if the lint screen is clogged or missing.

•Do not block the flow of ventilating air. Keep the area around the machine and the exhaust opening clutter free.

Information provided by NASSIG Fire & Emergency Services Fire Prevention Office 624-5200.

## Trivia Answers

- 1) 67 percent
- 2) 1959
- 3) *Lignum Vitae*
- 4) False, it's usually a sign of nervousness
- 5) Kind of blue



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**1986 Lancia Delta 1.6 Turbo IE**. White, 4 door, power windows, sunroof, alarm system, mechanically perfect, one owner, passed autoport inspection. Asking \$1800. Call 340-9808927.

**1996 BMW 3 Series**, 80k Miles, Very Clean, Reliable, Dealer Maintained, Have all maintenance records, car bought in Germany Oct 03. Air bags, anti-lock brakes, sunroof, dark blue. Asking \$6,800.00. Cell 335-6428270, Home 624-1385.

**1995 BMW 520i touring** silver, 78k miles, new tires, air, leather, heated seats, power windows/mirrors/headlamps, air bags, anti-lock, onboard computer, CD/amp/bass. German import Oct 03, All Records. Car Looks New! \$8,200.00 Call 335-6428270 or 624-1385.

**1995 Opel Corsa**, 85,000 km (original), power

locks and windows, recent tune-up, a few Sigonella bumps, overall in excellent condition interior/exterior. \$2,300. Call Dave at 624-6673 (WK) 624-3678(HM).

**2000 Ford Ka**, 1300 cc, black, new tires, a/c, alarm, radio system (6 disc CD charger). Like new, call 329-6094081 after 4:30 p.m.

**1990 Alfa Romeo 164**, AFI plated, 4 door sedan, 5 speed, A/C, power windows/locks, AM/FM/CD, metallic gray; Reliable vehicle in good condition. Asking \$2500 OBO. Call Pedro at 624-5004 or 335-578-5519.

**2000 Daewoo Lanos SC**, automatic power locks, power windows, dual side airbags, AM/FM radio, excellent condition, \$8000 O.B.O. Call Kelly x8588 or cell 349-0519294.

**1992 Alfa Romeo**. Incredibly clean on the interior with a few bumps and bruises on the exterior. Great car for getting around the island. Asking \$1600 O.B.O. Call Holly at 624-4492 or Jim at 624-4934.

**2001 Suzuki Marauder** US Spec, 4700 mi, windshield, passenger seat, back rest, Cobra pipes, chrome accessories, cover, etc. Immaculate, like new, showroom condition, runs perfect! \$4900. Please call cell: 335-578-9322 or Home: x1283 - before 9:00 p.m.

**1995 Ford Escort** \$2200 O.B.O. Reliable vehicle. Automatic, AC, 2 door, 123,000 miles. Call Rocky or Frank 624-4242 or 624-1238.

**1990 BMW 520i**, 5-speed, 6 cyl, 4 door, sunroof, new; clutch slave cylinder, battery, brakes, front tires, thermostat, clutch fan, timing, alternator, PS and AC belts, oil pan gasket. Runs great, looks OK. Great second or single sailor car. Good mileage. \$2100.00 O.B.O. Contact X1529, 335-7235874 or 340-8216587.

**1991 Mazda MX6** - The silver bullet. Stick shift and AC. Two-door, silver, new tires. Reliable. Asking \$2,500. Call Phil 335-830-3629.

**1990 Acura Integra LS** automatic, AC, sunroof new battery, alternator and brakes. Available August 2nd. Great island car! \$1800.00 O.B.O. Contact Jen at x6419 (w) or x3597 (h).

**1994 Honda CBR 600 F2**, Vans Hines slip on exhaust, KN air filter, black windshield, in good condition, looks new, only 43,000 km. Asking 3500 euro O.B.O. Call Nino at 338-7676950.

**1982 BMW 315**, 4 speed manual transmission. Asking \$750. Needs some work. ITCS Nagy: W: 624-5858/H: 624-0237.

**1995 Dodge Neon**, runs good. A/C works. Asking \$3200. H: 095-30-9919. Cell phone: 339-638-5301.

### Pets

Home needed: 5 month old purebred "Chineco dell'Eina" (related to the Pharaoh Hound. "Cash" is housebroken, knows basic commands, love the car and water! Great with other dogs, all shots, microchip and vet-checked! Please call 095-307136 or 340-5039247 for info.

Please help! We're transferring, and have rescued too many animals to take with us. No fees involved. You receive vet record (Shots, chip, spay/neutering complete.) Wonderful pets - no hassle, call me first. LCDR Smallwood 624-2972

Good home needed for two friendly and playful 6 month old puppies. One is black and the other is brindle. They are both clipped and have their first set of shots. They are almost housebroken and love the outdoors. Please call 624-3595 or 333-722-6870.

### For Sale

"Lambs Ivy" crib bedding set. Includes matching light blue & yellow crib bumper, diaper stacker, headboard bumper, dust ruffle & mobile \$30.00. Brand new clutch for a Mitsubishi or Dodge Colt - bargain at \$100.00. Pair of Jensen CS315 15"; 3-way home speakers @ 33" h x 17" w x 12" d \$40.00. Pair of Yamaha 3-way speakers @ 16" h x 10" w x 12" d \$20.00. Call 095-309537 or 340-6104823. Can e-mail pictures.

Foster Green couch and love seat with decorative pillows. Three years old, selling because of PCS move. Only \$250.00, call 347-014-5187 or 340-244-8933.

Beautiful Italian wicker and iron patio set, includes rectangular table and 4 chairs. Paid 300 Euro and less than 2 months old. Will sell for \$150.00 o.b.o. Must see! Call 624-1502.

Two solid wood blue dressers, finished pine dresser and armoire, baby bedding set by Pali Linens, modern neutral colors, african decor, complete set, very lightly used and unique. Includes comforter, valance, two pillows, bumper pad, skirt and sheet. Call Cheri at 333-789-4981 or e-mail

cherilyn\_hale@yahoo.com

Burgundy Dooney and Bourke satchel, very lightly used and like new, assorted black sandals womens size 5.5 and 6, new pair Express Size 1 jeans, men's size med. tan Polo flannel-lined jacket, like new. Live in Misterbianco, very easy to find house. Call Cheri 333-789-4981 or e-mail cherilyn\_hale@yahoo.com.

Body parts for old Mini for sale. Call Nino at 338-7676950.

For Sale, 4 cell phones \$150 for all. 1 Nokia, 1 Phillips, 1 Siemens, 1 TM. All chargers included. Available after Aug 6. ITCS Nagy: W: 624-5858/H: 624-0237.

For Sale: Living room furniture (excellent condition) Livingston Sofa-beige, Chaise Lounger-beige, coffee table-dark, 2 end tables-dark. Paid \$2500 new. Must sell ONLY \$700 for everything (package deal) Tony/Lisbeth: 095-52-2066, Cell: 339-614-2393,

Brand new king-size pillow top mattress and box spring. Paid \$800; will sell for \$400. 624-0100.

For sale: 2 Panasonic cell phones and 2 electric fans. H: 095-30-9919. Cell: 339-638-5301

### Yard Sale

Yard sale: July 31, 04. 9am-1pm. Sigona 2117.A—Marana.

### Lost and Found

Someone left a pair of prescription sunglasses with concert ticket stubs in the glasses case at Angie's Travel. Please call ITT at 624-4777 to claim.

Someone left a pair of binoculars on the ITT bus during one of our trips. Please call ITT at 624-4777 to claim.

### HRO Ads

**Dental Hygienist, UA-0682-05/04/03**, U.S. Naval Dental Center Europe, Branch Dental Clinic Sigonella. Announcement number LN004-031300. Open Until Filled.

**Protocol Officer, GS-0301-09**, Office of the Commanding Officer, Protocol Office, Sigonella. Announcement SIG04-029103(R). Open Until Filled.

